

TO: More at Four Contract Administrators, More at Four Program Contacts, More at Four Fiscal Contacts, More at Four Board Chairs

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SUBJECT: 2008-09 More at Four Expansion

As you may know, House and Senate conferees reconciled differences and passed a substitute budget bill on July 3rd. The bill is now moving through both the House and Senate for final approval before being sent onto the Governor for his consideration and signature.

Included in the substitute bill are expansion funds for the More at Four Program. While the funds to support expansion are defined at **\$30 million**, there is no specificity to the per child slot rate or to the number of expansion slots to be funded.

Please know that the Office of School Readiness (OSR) is working expeditiously to define both a rate increase and an available number of expansion slots so that counties may plan accordingly. It is my intent to communicate adjusted rates for the 2008-09 program year and issue contract amendments reflecting those rates as soon as a signed budget is in place.

Expansion slot requests are currently being received. If your county/region has a need for expansion slots, it is in your best interest to make your request known to the OSR as soon as possible as it is likely that such requests will exceed available slots.

<http://www.osr.nc.gov/MoreFour/forms.asp>

As always, thank you for the work that you do on behalf of North Carolina's children.

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